

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A bracket assembly for a dynamoelectric machine comprising:

a base plate; and

a bracket support assembly extending from said base plate, said bracket support assembly comprising a first end plate extending from said base plate, a second end plate extending from said base plate, a support member extending from said base plate and between said first end plate and said second end plate, and at least one a first support plate extending from one of said first end plate and plate to said second end plate and extending from said support member to a side plate, said support member connected to said at least one first support plate forming at least one enclosure, an enclosure, and said side plate extending from said base plate to said first support plate.

2. (original) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said base plate is substantially planar.

3. (currently amended) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first support plate is substantially planar.

4. (currently amended) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first support plate is parallel to said base plate.

5. (original) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said bracket support assembly further comprises at least one intermediate end plate located between said first end plate and said second end plate.

6. (currently amended) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said at least one intermediate end plate is connected to said ~~at least one~~first support plate.

7. (previously presented) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said support member is curved, said at least one intermediate end plate extending radially from said support member.

8. (currently amended) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said ~~at least one~~first support plate comprises a semi-annular plate.

9. (currently amended) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 ~~wherein said at least one support plate comprises~~further comprising a plurality of support ~~plates~~plates including said first support plate.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said bracket is symmetrical.

12. (currently amended) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said bracket support assembly comprises ~~two a~~a second support ~~plates~~plate and an intermediate region extending between said first and second support plates.

13. (original) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said intermediate region comprises an arc segment.

14. (currently amended) A dynamoelectric machine comprising:

a frame;

a stator disposed in said frame and comprising a stator bore;

a rotor within said stator bore and comprising a rotor shaft;

a bearing assembly for supporting said rotor shaft and facilitating rotational movement thereof; and

a bracket assembly coupled to said frame and receiving said rotor shaft, said bracket assembly comprising a base plate and a bracket support assembly extending therefrom, said bracket support assembly comprising a first end plate extending from said base plate, a second end plate extending from said base plate, a support member extending from said base plate and between said first end plate and said second end plate, ~~and at least one a first support plate extending from one of said first end plate~~ and plate to said second end plate and extending from said support member to a side

plate, said support member connected to said ~~at least one~~first support plate forming at ~~least one enclosure~~an enclosure, and said side plate extending from said base plate to said first support plate.

15 (original) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said base plate is substantially planar.

16. (currently amended) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said ~~at least one~~first support plate is substantially planar.

17. (currently amended) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said base plate is substantially parallel to said ~~at least one~~first support plate.

18. (original) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said bracket support assembly further comprises at least one intermediate end plate located between said first end plate and said second end plate.

19. (original) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said bracket is symmetrical.

20. (original) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 18 wherein said support member is curved, said at least one intermediate end extending radially from said support member.

21. (currently amended) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said ~~at least one~~first support plate comprises a semi-annular plate.

22. (currently amended) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 ~~wherein said at least one support plate comprises~~further comprising a plurality of support ~~plates~~plates including said first support plate.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said bracket support assembly comprises ~~two~~a second support

~~plates~~plate and an intermediate region extending between said first and second support plates.

25. (new) A bracket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said enclosure includes a hollow space enclosed by said base plate, said first end plate, said second end plate, said support member, said first support plate, and said side plate, and said support member is curved.

26. (new) A dynamoelectric machine in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said enclosure includes a hollow space enclosed by said base plate, said first end plate, said second end plate, said support member, said first support plate, and said side plate, and said support member is curved.